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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Bernd Fischer et al.

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For: **METHOD FOR PRODUCING FLAT
ARTICLES FROM RENEWABLE
RAW MATERIALS**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

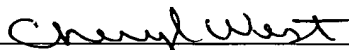
In response to the Office Action dated January 23, 2004, a response which is due July 23, 2004 by virtue of the Petition for a 3-month extension of time filed herewith, Applicants respectfully request further examination in view of the following Amendment and Response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

Conclusion is on page 10 of this paper.

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